

## **X. CITIZEN/INTEREST GROUP ROLE IN PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

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### **A. CONTINUE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION.**

There has been extensive public involvement in development of this plan. Individuals, interest groups, and local community councils are encouraged to continue this involvement.

The recreational proposals, in particular, will depend heavily on private sector participation for their implementation. This includes items such as identification and interpretation of historical sites; continuing work on protection of native flora in high use areas; identifying opportunities for wildlife viewing; trail location, construction and maintenance; public use cabin construction and maintenance; and compliance with designated use trails or areas.

Continued citizen participation in development of public safety items such as a coordinated search and rescue plan for the area and establishment of a rescue cache and emergency phone west of the Hatcher Pass is encouraged.

Public support for the capital improvement projects and items requiring funding is an important element in plan implementation.

### **B. CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD.**

The Department of Natural Resources welcomes continued citizen involvement as an important part of plan implementation. An advisory mechanism is planned; however, its implementation will be dependent on funding and availability of staff time to coordinate with the citizens.

### **C. PRIVATE LANDOWNER COORDINATION ENCOURAGED.**

Coordination between DNR and private land developers within the management unit is encouraged (see Chapter Three, Section 2d, page 138).